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The quantity and various locations of Perelman's work as well as growing interest in popular culture in general and Perelman's place in the comic tradition in particular make a detailed bibliography a welcome scholarly aid. Gale, who has been examining Perelman's work for more than 15 years, has collected both primary works (unannotated) and descriptive and critical observations (mostly annotated). Useful chronological indexes and a subject, person, and book-title index are included. Quirky organization

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